

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3267**

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TO: The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board
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SUBJECT: At-Large Circuit Court and Family Court Judges

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3267 amends Section 14-5-610 and increases by three the number of Circuit Court and Family Court Judges elected by the General Assembly from the State-at-large.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates House Bill 3267 will have an impact on the General Fund of the State for the costs associated with three additional Circuit Court Judges and staff (administrative assistant, court reporter and law clerk) and the three additional Family Court Judges and staff (administrative assistant and court reporter) of approximately \$1,898,223 in personal services/employer contributions and associated operating expenses.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

There may be associated cost borne by the counties in which these at-large judges preside for office space for each judge and their staff.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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